Reduction of the Patrolling Staff in the Arukutty Circle.

28. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reductions made in the staff previously employed for patrol work in the Arukutty Circle, subsequent to the purchase of the motor boats referred to above; and

(*b*) the number and the official designation of the hands that were thus reduced?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) There was no reduction of hands at the Arukutty *chowkey* consequent on the introduction of motor boats. But there is reduction in the Nerekadavu and Perumblam ranges of the Division as shown below:—

One Inspector on	Rs.	50
One Petty Officer on	Rs.	20
One Petty Officer on	Rs.	17½
Two Petty Officers on	Rs.	12½ each
Three peons on	Rs.	8 each
Fifty-seven peons on	Rs.	7 each.

The total annual saving secured by the reduction of staff is Rs. 6,666.

Present Patrolling Staff in the Arukutty Division.

29. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many hands are employed for the requirements of each motor boat and how many for patrol work; and

(*b*) whether it has been found possible to get the work done satisfactorily by the hands at present employed both for running the boats and for patrol work at Arukutty?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The following hands are employed for plying each motor boat, one *viz.*, driver on Rs 20-2-30, one helmsman on Rs. 12-1-15 and one cleaner on Rs. 9-1-12. One Sub-Inspector or Petty Officer and two peons of the preventive force usually go in the motor boat for patrol work.

(*b*) Patrol work is now carried on in the Arukutty Division in motor boats as well as in ordinary boats. The existing preventive staff in the Arukutty Division is reported to be doing the patrol work satisfactorily.

Loan of Excise Motor Boats.

30. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, in addition to the work of patrolling, the above motor boats are being used for private purposes as well;

(*b*) whether the motor boats are being lent for the use of officers of any other department;

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(*c*) whether any fare or cost is being realised from them ;

(*d*) if so, whether the same is being credited in the accounts ; and

(*e*) whether the Government have given permission to lend motor boats for the use of others or to receive remuneration from them ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) The motor boats are intended for patrol work. The Assistant Excise Commissioner, Arukutty, is reported to have used them for circuits on a few occasions, meeting the cost of petrol from his own pocket, and also to have lent one of the boats to an officer of another department on one occasion. The Excise Commissioner has issued stringent orders to the Assistant Excise Commissioner prohibiting the use of the boats for any purpose other than patrol work in future.

(*c*) and (*d*) On the occasion on which one of the boats was sent, no fare appears to have been received, but petrol was supplied by the officer to whom the boat was lent.

(*e*) No.

Travelling Allowances of Subordinates in the Excise Department.

31. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of cases in which employees of the Excise Department who had applied for transfer were made to pay the travelling allowance of the employees who were transferred in their place ; and

(*b*) if so, the number of such instances as have occurred during the administration of the department by Mr. Van Ross ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) One Ranga Aiyar, clerk, Kayankulam Division Office, who was given a transfer to another office at his own request, was asked to meet the travelling charges of the employee transferred to the Kayankulam Division Office in his place.

(*b*) The above was the only instance.

Land Records Maintenance Work.

32. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the total allotment for Land Records Maintenance work in the State in 1097 ;

(*b*) the actual amount spent on that work during the period ;

(*c*) the recurring and non-recurring revenue accruing to the Government on account of the disposal of *poramboke* cases detected by the Land Records Maintenance staff during the period ;

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